

THE ROCK ISLAND ARGUS.

BACKMAILERS SECURE ONE MILLION

TEUTS MAKE BIG CAPTURE 3,500 TAKEN

First and Second Line of Trenches Reached on the Macedonian Front.

ASQUITH LOSES SON

Russians Resume Activity in Campaign for Capture of Lemberg.

Berlin, Sept. 18, (via London, 8:45 p. m.)—A German attack against the Russians who are attempting to capture the Galician town of Halicz resulted in the defeat of the Russians, who lost the greater portion of the territory gained on Saturday, the war office announced today. In addition to halting heavy casualties on the Russians, the Germans took 3,500 prisoners and 16 machine guns.

London, Sept. 18, (2:42 p. m.)—A further advance for the Serbians on the western end of the Macedonian front is reported in a dispatch sent out today under a Saloniki date by the Exchange Telegraph company. It says the first and second line trenches of the Bulgarians at Kaimakalan have been taken by the Serbians, who have crossed the Bregalza river. Heavy fighting continues on the further bank of the river.

The Serbians are reported to have taken four field guns and eight machine guns, bringing up to 36 the number of guns captured. A large number of prisoners also are said to have fallen into the hands of the Serbians. The dispatch also reports that French troops on the left wing have captured the station at Florina. Heavy fighting continues.

Heavy German Losses.

Paris, Sept. 18, (Noon.)—The Germans lost heavily in several counterattacks north and south of the Somme last night, the war office announced today. The French maintained the ground recently won and made further progress near Clerf and Berny and on the eastern edge of Denicourt.

The French took 1,200 prisoners and 10 machine guns. The town of Denicourt is now completely encircled by the French.

Prisoners report that enormous losses have been sustained by some of the German formations. The statement says two battalions were almost annihilated by the French artillery.

Asquith's Son Killed.

London, Sept. 18, (4:40 p. m.)—Lieutenant Raymond Asquith, son of Premier Asquith, was killed in action on Sept. 15. It was announced today.

British Advance Lines.

London, Sept. 18.—In small operations on the Somme front last night the British gained further ground, the war office announced today.

"The general situation continues unchanged," the statement says. "South of the Ancre we improved our position north of Martinpuich. East of Courcellette, a minor attack made last night upon elements of enemy trenches was entirely successful. Our lines have been advanced appreciably at this point."

"West of the Moquet farm the enemy entered one of our trenches under cover of heavy shelling but was driven out with loss," the statement says.

South of Thiepval we have taken a further portion of the enemy trench system. The enemy heavily shelled various parts of our line during the night."

Italians in Fierce Attacks.

Amsterdam, Sept. 18, (via London, 4:55 p. m.)—A telegram printed by the Cologne Gazette today says the Italian attacks against the Austro-Hungarian positions near Gorizia, on the plateau of Roman, which have been proceeding for two days, are not to be compared with any battle, however bloody, of the Italian war up to the present, but only with the great fighting in the west or the last Russian offensive.

The correspondent says the Italians are adopting tactics employed by General Brusiloff, and adds that they are subjecting the short front between Wipach and the sea to continuous assaults by thick infantry masses.

Resume Lemberg Attack.

Petrograd, Sept. 18, (via London, 4:35 p. m.)—After weeks of suspended activity, General Brusiloff has energetically resumed his campaign against Lemberg.

Halicz, which obstructs the way to that city from the southeast, is again being subjected to the most violent pressure by the Russians, who are throwing the greatest weight of their attack north of Halicz on the Narayuvka river, where they are attempting to cut the railway from Halicz along the Narayuvka to Podysyck.

Repulsed by Bulgarians.

Sofia, Sept. 18, (via London, 1:25 p. m.)—An attack by the entente forces in the Struma valley on the Bulgarian front was repulsed by the Bulgarians, it was announced officially today.

Official Berlin Report.

Berlin, Sept. 18, (via London, 5:35

Four Killed When Train Strikes Auto

Erie, Pa., Sept. 18.—Four persons were killed at North Springfield, 18 miles west of here, today when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a New York Central train. The dead are: Mrs. Percy Seager, Mrs. K. Shipman, Miss Shipman, and a negro chauffeur, all of Pittsburgh.

p. m.)—The allied forces in eastern Rumania have received reinforcements, the war office announced today. They have taken up a line across Dobruja, a few miles south of the railroad running from Constanza to the Danube.

The positions taken up by the reinforced Russian and Rumanian troops are on the line extending from Rachova, on the Danube nine miles below the railroad crossing, through Tsopadin, 17 miles southeast of Rachova.

Abandonment by the Germans of the village of Bery and Denicourt, together with positions between Barleux and Vermandovillers, south of the river Somme, is reported in today's official statement.

North of the river, the statement says, the fighting developed favorably to the Germans.

New Premier of Greece.

Athens, Sept. 16.—Midnight, via London, Sept. 18, 5:05 a. m.—(Delayed.)—Nikolaos Kalogeropoulos, the new premier, made the following declaration today:

"The new ministry will follow a benevolent, very benevolent neutrality toward the entente. It will decide its attitude in other respects after examining the situation and studying the diplomatic documents."

Defeat of Turks.

London, Sept. 18, (12:02 p. m.)—Defeat of the Turks in a minor engagement on the Sinai peninsula, 65 miles east of the Suez canal, was announced officially today as follows:

"A mobile column composed of Anzac mounted troops and a camel corps with some artillery, led by Bir El Abd on Sept. 6, with a view of carrying out reconnaissance of enemy troops west of El Arish. The column reached an enemy position at Bir El Mazar, 65 miles from the canal, at dawn of Sunday. A sharp engagement followed in which our troops penetrated the enemy trenches at several points and inflicted considerable casualties, while our artillery heavily shelled the enemy camps."

Air Raid By British.

London, Sept. 18, (Noon.)—A raid by British naval aeroplanes on German aerodromes at St. Denis and Westresheim, is reported in an official statement issued by the war office. The statement says:

"Yesterday afternoon a squadron of our naval aeroplanes carried out a further attack on enemy aerodromes at St. Denis and Westresheim. A large number of bombs were dropped with successful result. One of our machines was obliged to make a forced landing in Holland and the pilot has been interned."

Look for Bandit Salazar.

Search today was being made among the bodies in an attempt to identify prominent outlaw leaders, an especial effort being made to find trace of Jose Inez Salazar, known as "the perpetual revolutionist," who was held in the penitentiary on a charge of treason and released in the attack.

The bandits had made an orderly retreat into the outskirts of the city when they again came into the line of government artillery fire, this time from the twin hills of Nombre de Dios. The retreat immediately became a rout, dispatches say.

Rumors current here that a part of the Carranza garrison has joined Villa were denied at the Juarez commandancia. Physicians attending General Trevino, who sustained a wound in the arm, said that his injuries were slight.

Also Attack Guerrero.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 18.—A small band of Villistas made a "Hidalgo day" attack on Guerrero, 80 miles west of Chihuahua City, but were repulsed and fell back across the line of Mexico Northwestern railway toward the foothills of the continental divide, pillaging isolated ranches as they went, according to private advices here today.

Recent reports received here have asserted that American cavalry scouting parties have been operating between Guerrero and Namsiquipa. The patrols were sent south from El Valle, the southernmost American base, in response to reports that Villa himself was leading the bandit band in that vicinity.

It was not considered probable, however, that the American patrols would encounter the bandits.

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 18.—A detachment of 20 Villa cavalrymen engaged Carranza infantry men on the second floor of the state palace, according to additional details of the attack upon Chihuahua City received here today by Andreas Garcia, Mexican consul.

The bandits rode their horses into the building and up the stone steps to the second floor in pursuit of the government guard, which fell back before them. De facto marksmen picked off six of the mounted bandits as they rode into one of the rooms, the remainder making their escape, but not until several horses also had been killed, it was stated.

The consul dispatches added that Jose Inez Salazar, notorious Mexican leader, was killed following his liberation from the penitentiary. Among the bandits captured by de facto troops and later executed, it was stated, was Colonel Mariano Tames, who several months ago led a revolt.

Greek Bootlegger Fined.

Dubuque, Iowa, Sept. 18.—John Marowitz, a Greek proprietor of a cheap restaurant, was arrested yesterday and charged with bootlegging. He pleaded guilty in the district court this morning and paid a fine of \$200 and costs.

DEAD STREW ROADS AFTER BANDIT FIGHT

Mexican Outlaws Are Leading Carranza Pursuers Into Santa Clara.

VILLA IN COMMAND

Hand to Hand Fighting in the Surprise Attack on Chihuahua City.

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 18.—Two columns of government cavalry under General Matias Ramos and Colonel Jose Marrero today were pursuing Villa and his main band, which Saturday made the Hidalgo day attack on Chihuahua City, into the Santa Clara canyon district to the northeast, according to reports to General Francisco Gonzales, commandant in Juarez. The bandits were well mounted and apparently were leading the de facto forces over the jagged rocks.

Today's reports indicated that Villa's force numbered approximately 1,500 and was opposed by the garrison of about 7,000. From the number of dead and wounded picked up by the pursuing forces, it was estimated the Villa casualties were about 250.

Villa himself directed the attack, according to the dispatches, but did not enter the town, remaining across the Rio Churiscar to the northwest with a few hundred of his reorganized "gold ones." Much damage was done to the penitentiary which followed, and reports said, the municipal and federal palaces, which the bandits succeeded in capturing before the surprised members of the garrison, who had been participating in an Independence day celebration, rallied.

Rifles were useless in the hand-to-hand street fighting which followed, the reports said. Pistols and bare fists were used as the two commands struggled through the early morning hours in the rain. When finally the artillery fire, which General Trevino directed from Santa Rosa, a fortified hill to the west of the city, had forced the Villistas to retire, they took the streets behind them cobbled with their dead.

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It was explained by those close to the Mexican commissioners that such discussion as had already taken place regarding interior affairs of Mexico was regarded by their government as unwarranted.

Members of the American commission did not regard the insistence of the Mexican representatives in preferring discussion of the border situation as anything endangering the success of the conference.

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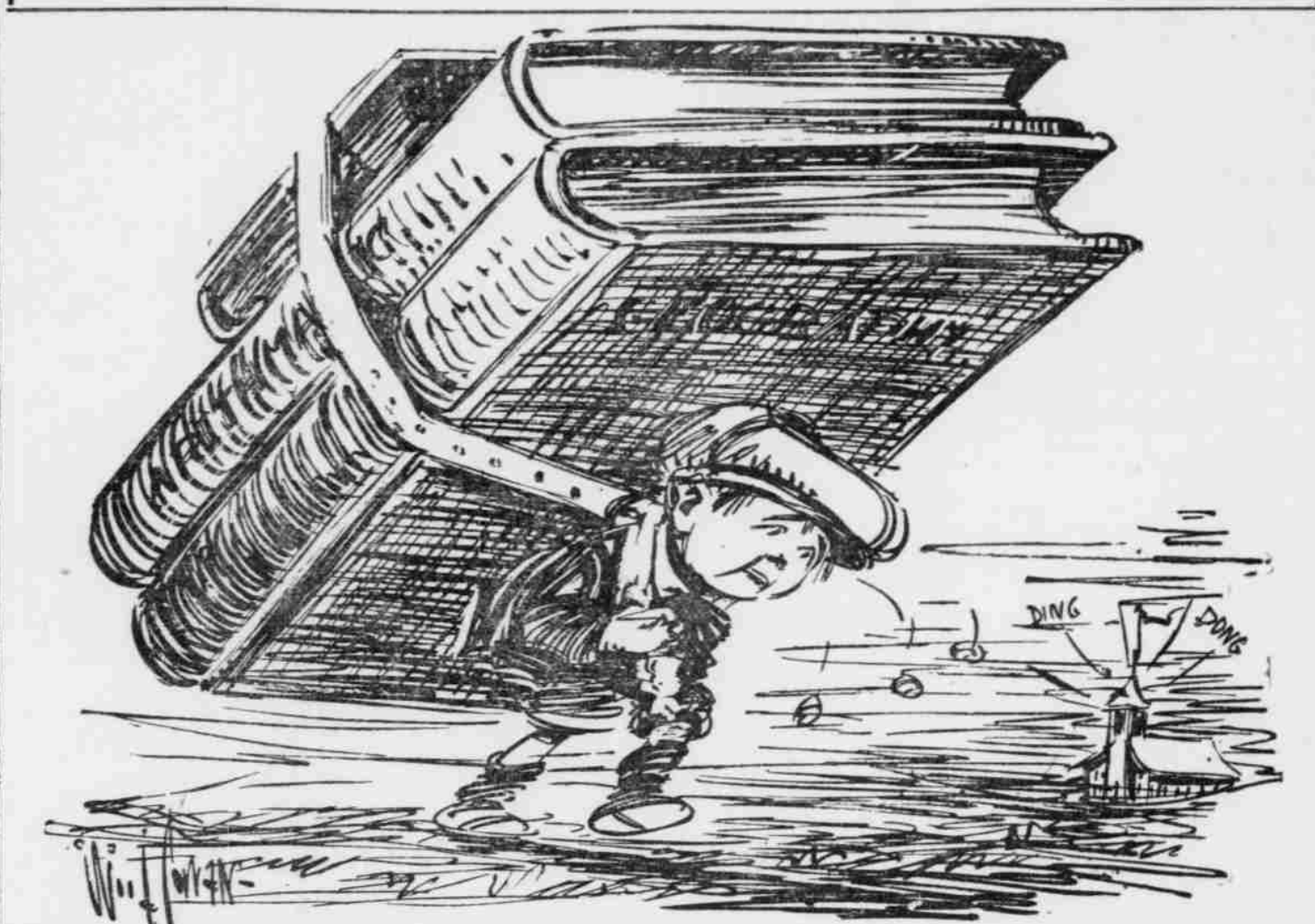
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THE MELANCHOLY DAYS HAVE COME, THE SADDEST OF THE YEAR



ENVOYS RESUME STUDY OF PLANS

American Party Wish Stress Laid on Internal Affairs of Mexican People.

New London, Conn., Sept. 18.—When the Mexican-American commissioners resumed their conference today there was reason to believe the Mexican representatives were prepared to insist that their deliberations be directed toward an agreement on control of the border.

The American representatives, believing that the border situation was merely incident to the general conditions in Mexico, had planned to continue their study of Mexico's internal affairs.

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German Sub Sank Vessel; 28 U.S. Men

New York, Sept. 18.—A torpedo sank the British ship Kelvinia, carrying 28 Americans, according to G. W. Dillard of Richmond, Va., one of the Americans who arrived here today on the Cunard liner Tuscania.

Dispatches from England left in doubt the question whether the Kelvinia, bound from Newport News, Va., to Glasgow, was torpedoed or sunk by a mine on Sept. 2.

According to Dillard, the Kelvinia was torpedoed at 2 o'clock in the morning without warning. The vessel listed immediately, and as there were not enough lifeboats for both the crew and the Americans, who were engaged as hostlers for the cargo of horses, many of the Americans put on life belts and jumped overboard. They were rescued by a trawler after floating for 14 hours.

WILSON ATTENDS LAST SAD RITES

Funeral of Mrs. Annie Howe, President's Only Sister, Was Held Today at Columbia, S. C.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 18.—President Wilson came here today to bury his sister, Mrs. Annie E. Howe, of Philadelphia, who died Saturday at New London, Conn. He attended simple funeral services at the church and then walked with relatives to the adjoining cemetery and stood with bowed head and tearstained face during the simple rites.

The people of Columbia gathered along the streets and outside the church to see the president. During the ride south this morning the platform of every station was crowded but there was no cheering. At several stops flowers were put aboard the train by school children.

The special train bearing the body and the members of the funeral party arrived here shortly before noon. Automobiles took the president and members of his family directly to the First Presbyterian church. At the president's request the city and state officials gave no official recognition to his visit.

In the party were Joseph R. Wilson, the president's brother; John A. Wilson, a cousin; Mrs. Anne Colman, daughter of Mrs. Howe; George Howe and Wilson Howe, sons; Mrs. Margaret Wilson, the president's daughter, and Dr. C. T. Grayson.

The last services took place inside an enclosure in the shaded graveyard, where are buried Mrs. Howe's husband, the father and mother of the president, and several other relatives. All flags in Columbia were at half mast during the funeral.

The president planned to remain here until tonight and then leave for Long Branch, N. J., where he is due at 11 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity

Fair tonight and Tuesday, rising temperature.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 40. Highest yesterday 55. Lowest last night 38c.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 2 miles per hour.

Precipitation none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 46, at 7 a. m. 87, at 1 p. m. 28.

Stage of water 3.8, a rise of .1 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

STATE FAIR OPEN TODAY FOR WEEK

Woman Suffrage Is Among the Varied "Exhibits" on Display in the Illinois Capital.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 18.—Two woman suffrage organizations today vied with thousands of commercial enterprises for the attention of the public at the Illinois state fair, which began in earnest today.

A tent was erected on the grounds by the Women's Hughes alliance, Mrs. Agnes E. McCartney, state organizer, and Mrs. S. B. Shirk of Chicago are in charge. The alliance will distribute Hughes literature and have speeches by women.

Another tent was put up by the Woman's Congressional union under the direction of Mrs. Jessie Hardy MacKay of Washington, D. C. This organization is working for a federal constitutional amendment which will give nation-wide equal suffrage.

Thousands of school children were guests of the fair today. Ideal weather brought out crowds of visitors.

PAID \$200,000 IN CASH FOR STOLEN TAPESTRY

New York, Sept. 18.—A Beauvais tapestry, presented by King Louis XV of France to Emperor Kien-Lung of China in 1776, and stolen from the palace in Peking at the time of the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty, has been sold by a New York dealer to a collector in Cleveland, Ohio, for \$200,000. The subject of the tapestry is "The Chinese Fair." The name of the buyer was not revealed.

THE WAR TODAY

The new thrust by the French south of the river Somme in northern France, where the important railway town of Chaumes is their objective, has resulted in the complete encircling of the village of Denicourt, Paris announced today. Denicourt formed the center of the wedge the French are driving into the German lines north of Chaumes. Heavy counterattacks by the Germans on the new French positions both north and south of the Somme are reported to have been repulsed.

The British are keeping up their forward push north of the Somme, scoring their advances, however, at isolated points, apparently to strengthen their lines and secure their holds on captured ground.

On the Macedonian front an entente attack in the valley northeast of Saloniki was repulsed by the Bulgarians, Sofia announced.

The forces under Field Marshal von Mackensen are continuing to progress in their campaign in the Rumanian province of Dobruja.

British and French armies, in the continuation of their offensive north and south of the Somme Saturday night and Sunday, captured German positions exceeding four miles in length. Large numbers of prisoners were taken.

Hard fighting, with the Russians as the aggressors, has been resumed from the Pripiet marshes in Russia through Galicia and up in the Carpathian mountains. Berlin and Vienna claim the repulse, with heavy casualties, of Russian attacks on a front of about 12 miles in the region west of Lutsk.

Bucharest reports the occupation of additional towns in Transylvania, while both Berlin and Sofia assert that the forces of the central powers in Dobruja are still in pursuit of the Rumanians and Russians.

TWO REVEAL SCHEME FOR GETTING RICH

Confessions Chicago Blackmailers Show Sixty Persons in Crime Band.

EIGHT UNDER ARREST

Gang Lived in Oriental Splendor—\$1,000,000 Proceeds of Operations.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Confession has been made by two members of the alleged syndicate of blackmailers, eight of whom are under arrest here, that operations of the swindlers has netted them \$1,000,000 within the last year, federal officials announced today.

The confessions, it was declared, disclosed that the alleged band numbers at least sixty—a third of whom are said to be women, young, pretty and crafty. A dispute over the division of spoils, it was said, led to the confession. Arrest of a score or more members of the syndicate is expected within a week.

The men who confessed are "Dick" Barratt and Edward J. Thompson, according to Hinton G. Clabaugh, head of the Chicago bureau of the federal department of justice. Both are at liberty, he said. They will become witnesses for the government, however, when the eight members of the syndicate arrested in a raid on a fashionable apartment hotel Saturday night are brought to trial.

Fear that they would receive long prison sentences caused Thompson and Barratt to confess, Clabaugh said. Bail aggregating \$100,000 has been fixed for the eight members of the alleged band now under arrest. They are to be given a hearing tomorrow. Those under arrest and the bail they will be required to give are:

Edward Donahue, alias "Doc" Donahue, \$25,000.

Mrs. Helen Evers, alias Mrs. George W. Brown, \$25,000.

Henry Russell, alias H. J. Russell, \$25,000.

Mrs. Edward Donahue, \$5,000.

James Christian, alias James Roberts, \$5,000.

George Bland, alias Joseph Pearl, \$5,000.

Mrs. Frances Allen, alias Frances Chapman, \$5,000.

Flirted With Rich Men.

Explaining the methods of the blackmailers, Mr. Clabaugh said: "Members of the band have fleeced at least 15 prominent Boston, Philadelphia and New York persons."

"The women members flirted with wealthy men, got them into compromising positions and then demanded money on threat of exposure. The men did likewise with wealthy women."

Frank Crocker, a former member of the gang, is now in custody in Philadelphia, officials said. William Butler, alleged ringleader of the band, also is reported under arrest in Philadelphia.

Elaborate opium smoking layouts, expensive suits and satin gowns and dresses, costly furs and jewelry were found in the elegantly furnished apartment in which the arrests were made.

Fifty suits of clothes hung in the closet of Henry Russell. A mass of incriminating evidence—letters, telegrams and other papers were found, officials said.

The operations of the band is declared to have extended from coast to coast. Men and women alike have been victims. Persons of wealth were the objects in every case.

Five wealthy and social prominent members of Chicago's society are declared to have been blackmailed out of \$20,000. Their names were withheld. Persons also are declared to have been fleeced in New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia. Only three victims have declared themselves ready to testify in the case, Mr. Clabaugh said. One of these ready is Mrs. Regina Clipper of Philadelphia.

The five under arrest declined to discuss the charges against them. The three women, however, ridiculed the charges. "Our arrest is an outrage—we are innocent. We know nothing of blackmailing," declared Mrs. Evers.

More Arrests Soon to Follow.

Further arrests were expected today in connection with which raids by United States department of justice officials here Saturday night exposed. A woman member of the "syndicate" was believed to be in St. Louis and the Los Angeles authorities were asked to locate the sender of a telegram addressed to Helen Evers, one of the women arrested here, which read:

"Simon says thumbs up. Two men are holding me. Watch the fire escape." Operations of the syndicate, which

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